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THE PLENISHING OF HOLYROOD HOUSE IN 1714. BY A. FRANCIS STEUART, F.S.A.Scot.

In "A wild moraine of forgotten books from the glacier of years gone by" a MS. work has appeared which relates to a bygone office—that of the Keeper of the King's Wardrobe in Scotland. It belonged to one "James Steuart, Esq.," who held the post and who died at the old Abbey of Holyroodhouse, 13th July 1750. We know but too little of his history.

He was elder son (baptised 8th Feb. 1707) of John Steuart, Writer in Edinburgh (eldest son, by Cecill Scott, his wife, of John Steuart, Writer there, who was a man of considerable wealth, and was known as "Atholl John," and as "Provost" from holding the Teinds of the Provostry of the Collegiate Church of Dumbarton. He had lands in the Lennox, their precept of seisin being granted by Frances Stuart, Duchess of Lennox ("La Belle Stuart" of Gramont). The mother of James Steuart was Marie Row (married 1706, died 1730) of a noted Presbyterian family.

Originally rich, the Steuarts became—perhaps by the Darien Scheme—poorer, and our James took for a time to a military career as a gentleman cadet in the Scots Brigade in the Low Countries. We only know this from letters of his father, mother, and brother, and one brief page of his Journal. The latter has the following:—

"Aprile 1st: Then listed wt. Capn. Geo. Nicolson¹ in Lieut. General Colyear's Regiment of foot (being wt. Gilb. Pringle in Mrs Alvins, vintner in Edn.) . . .

"Our voyage.

"May 15. 'about . . . 3 a'clock afternoon. I went aboard the Charles of Alloa carrying 160 gunns (John Nicol master, and James Baird skipper, Henry ffotheringhame mate) and that night sailed no further than the Bass.' 16. 'our ship took fire.' They were driven back and forward to Leith. Then on the 23rd 'to Tinmouth and had some fear of French privateers.' On the 28th they arrived at Campvire in Zealand (otherwise called Trevaire) 'qr. we got a scout and sailed to Eastcapel, a strong fortified toun wt. a good garrison w^{ch}. toun we marched throw and from thence to Ghent . . . from thence to Drünen qr. we quartered yt night lying in a great hall upon Straw. It was their where I saw

¹ Afterwards Sir George Nicolson of Carnock, Bart. His second wife was Mary-Anne, daughter of General Walter Philip Colyear, in whose regiment he had served.

the 1st Roman Church. From thence to Danzie (Deynzie) being 3 leagues and $\frac{1}{2}$ qr. we dined, and the same night came to Menelbeke being 9 leagues, qr. we lay at night in a stable upon straw and the next morning we were all shaved. Next day we marched by Courtray being 1 league, from thence to Waregliamer (Wareghem) qr. wee dyned, and while the Collonel and rest of the officers came and met us, and then after dinner walked by the Post-horn. Then into Menen being the 11th of June, tho in our countrie the last of May (1729)."

It is sad that the rest of the Diary has been destroyed.

His brother mentions (7th July) that his invalid mother is at the Baths of Corstorphine. He says that his father hopes to get a letter to the States General from "his cosine Mr. Steuart," and his father writes, Edinburgh, July 27th, new style 30th July 1729, "I exort you not to be corrupted wt. the erroneus and idolatrous worships of they people yow now are among. But be stedfast in that holly religion you have been brought up in," and urges him not to curse or swear but to obey the military oath. His brother also tells him "I design to send you a copy of the Rowes armes¹ wch. Ro^t. Veizet is to paint for you . . . I designed to send you a hair ring wt. a emerald into it wt. Ens. McQueen or any other officers of the Regiment." This was a strangely rich gift for a poor soldier and perhaps was to be partially repaid by the request "send me ane exact account next occasion how these criminals (military mutineers in Breda) were put to death." His mother's letters² are mainly hortatory. "Keep good company, do not curs or swear nor drink more than is neidful. Take care to keep the Sabath day and not spend it idley," but one says "Mr Steuart the only friend ye could expect serves from is dangerously ill at Pirmon^d. wells."

We do not know how long he wandered in foreign lands, but we do know that his father's cousin, William Steuart,³ advocate, King's Remem-

¹ These (wrongly tintured) quartered with those of Steuart (with the charges of the family of Lorn and Innermeath, matriculated by his cousin, William Steuart, Esq., King's Remembrancer and Secretary to the Prince of Wales, 19th Apr. 1724, but imperfectly placed) are found on James Steuart's bookplate. His crest was the key of the Innermeath family but he added a crown on the top and the motto "Paratus sum ad nutum" perhaps indicating to his office of Keeper of the King's Wardrobe.

² Directed to James Steuart thus:—

"à monsieur, Monsieur Jacques Stewart, cadet dans compagnie de M. le Ct. Collonel De Laet Regiment de Genr. Colyear en garrison à Menen, Flandres. si fot . . ."

³ First cousin of John Steuart and Charles Steuart, stewart clerk of Orkney, and son of Thomas Steuart, commissary and stewart clerk of Orkney. He was born in Kirkwall, 25th May 1686, and obtained a place in the Exchequer through his grand-uncle Sir Thomas Moncrieffe of that ilk Bart. He rose in this to the position above mentioned, and was as the secretary to the Prince of Wales, in Scotland, a person of no mean note. As we have seen, he registered arms in 1724, and he was at the Baths of Pyrmont in 1729. He was M.P. for Inverness Burghs 1715-22, for Ayr Burghs 1722-27, and for Elgin Burghs 1734-41. During his English sojourns (after 1743) he lived at "Twittenham."

brancer of the Court of Exchequer, and the "Universal Provider" for his family at last did something, and the next we find is that James Steuart was made Under Keeper of the King's Wardrobe in Scotland at a yearly salary of £40 with perquisites. His little book, which deals entirely with this Office,¹ begins:—

George By the Grace of God King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith: To all and sundry whom these presents do or may concern fforasmuchas Wee understanding the place of first Under Keeper of our Wardrobe in that part of our Kingdom of Great Brittain called Scotland is now vacant by the death of James Oliphant Esq^r. and being informed of the Loyalty and Integrity of James Steuart Esq^r. Therefore will ye us to have nominated and appointed Likeas we by these presents nominate and appoint the said James Steuart dureing our pleasure only to be first Under Keeper of our Wardrobe in that part of Great Brittain called Scotland and of all Tapestry, Hangings, Plate, Plenishing and others whatsoever belonging to any of our houses, Palaces, Castles, or other Buildings in Scotland Under the Master or Chief Keeper of the said Wardrobe present or for the time being, giving granting to the said James Steuart dureing the space aforesaid the said place and office with all fees, profits, priviledges and emoluments thereunto belonging; And further We with the advice and consent of the Lord Chief Baron and the remanent Barons of Exchequer in Scotland By these presents give and grant to the said James Steuart a yearly salary of fferty pounds sterling being the ordinary salary establishit upon the said office, and with power to him to name and appoint Deputies under him for whom he shall be answerable. Given at our Court at St. James's and under our Privy Seal of Scotland the Twenty second day of December One thousand seven hundred and thirty seven in the eleventh year of our Reign. Per signaturum manu S. D. N.

Regis suprascriptam Manibus quorundam Baronum seaccarii
scotiae subscriptam.

Sealed at Edin^r. the sixth day of March 1738. sic. sub^r. Arch. Steuart.

Edin^r. 7th March 1738 Enter'd in King's Remembrancer's Office in Exchequer,
pr. sic sub^r. James Bogle.

His chief title to fame is given in Lord Hervey's memoirs (i. 336), which shows that he was the go-between between John, Duke of Argyll, and his brother Lord Isla, and this accounts for his being called "friend and confidant" of John, Duke of Argyll. His wife, Frances Cheyne of Bath, was a kinswoman of Bishop Burnet. He died in London, 23rd September 1768, having gone there with the Suite of the Princess Dowager of Wales, leaving much money. His heir was his cousin Baron David Steuart Moncrieffe of Moredun (died aged 80, 17th April 1790, buried at Holyrood) who took his name and arms; but he did not forget his Steuart relations, some of whom benefited by his will, leaving even the Jacobite branch legacies.

¹ We have an account of what Holyroodhouse was like on 11th July 1698, when George Home of Kimmerghame writes in his Diary (kindly communicated to me by Lady Skerrington) "I went with my Lord Polwarth to the Abbey where I see some furniture they (the Earl of Marchmont, the Royal Commissioner and his Lady, cousins of the writer) had put up which is very fine. The hangings in the drawing-room have silver on them, and chairs of crimsons damask. The bed of state is very fine, the curtains of damask blew and white etc., and lined with green satine and orange fringes. I never thought blew and green suited well near other. Also two cabinets, 2 tables, 2 large glasses, 4 stands, all finlly Japan'd.

"I see the coach, which is very fine, and very high, but they say the painting was spoilt in the ship, but it is done up again, though not so well. My Lady has also a very fine chair Japan'd. They tell me they have spent £1,200 more than their allowance."

Written to the Privy Seal and Registered the sixth day of March 1738, sic sub^r. Alexr. Syme Dept. Edin^r. 13 March 1738. Enter'd in the Auditor's Office in Exchequer pr. sic sub^r. John Philp. D. Aud^r.

Bank precept Lady Day Qr. 1738.

By virtue of his Majesty's Privy Seall to us Directed, we do hereby will and require yow to pay out of the moneys impressed ynto your hands from compositions and seizures of prohibited and unacustomed goods and from the hereditary and temporary exise unto James Stewart the sume of Ten pounds six shillings and ten pence three farrthings in full of all ffees and salaries due to him as first Underkeeper of the Wardrobe from the 22nd day of December 1737 the date of his Commission to Ladyday last past. And for so doing this order and his Receipt shall be your warrant, or the receipt of any having power from him shall be your warrant. Edin^r. 4th May 1738. sic sub^r.

George Dalrymple
Tho : Kennedy.

Wardrobe Office Edin^r. 26. August 1742. Salaries and Perquisities established by act of Parlia^t. for the Master and other officers of his Majestie's Wardrobe.¹

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| Imp ^r . to Mr. Thomas Hamilton, master and first Keeper of his Majestie's Wardrobe in Scotland per annum | 55 11 4 |
| James Stewart first underkeeper | 40 |
| Patrick Lindsay underkeeper | 20 |
| James Baird of Chesterhall (now James Innes son to Edingait) clerk to the Wardrobe | 30 |

The Perquisites are interesting. They were :

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| 1 ^{mo} From all persons that receive Knighthood | £2 5 4 |
| 2 ^{do} Upon the creation of a Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester ; Vdc. | 42 0 0 |
| 32 £ as Prince of Wales and 10 £ as Earl of Chester. | |
| 3 ^{to} Fees of Homage due to the Wardrobe Office from all townus corporate throw which his Majestie shall pass | 1 16 8 |
| 4 ^{to} Due to the Wardrobe Office upon the creation of severall Degrees of Noblemen. | |
| Viz., | |
| A Duke | 16 |
| A Marquis | 13 6 8 |
| A Earl | 10 |
| A Viscount | 8 0 0 |
| A Baron or Lord. | |
| from each of the Sixteen Peers of the Kingdom of Scotland, at gr., general, or separate elections, and which is usually given. } | 2 2 0 |
| from | |
| The Commissioner of the Generall Assembly | 2 2 0 |
| A Knight of the Order of the Thistle | 1 10 0 |
| A Knight of the Order of the Garter | 1 10 0 |

¹ About this time we learn that Walt. Mitchell was " His Majesty's Porter of Holyroodhouse." Under this designation he joined the Royal Company of Archers on the 20th of June 1734.

The Receipt usually given upon receiving the foresaid perquisites is as follows . . .

We, I. S. & B. L., Keeper of his Majestie's Wardrobe in Scotland, Have received from the Right Hon^{ble}. (or his grace) L. Marq. or D. the sum of . . . Sterling as the gratuity in use to be given to us as Wardrobe Keepers (for transporting and laying the carpets, etc.) by each of the sixteen peers elected att a general Election to Represent the Kingdom of Scotland in the British Parliament . . . etc.

And now (as it needed Inventories) we come to a history of the Office of the Wardrobe.

(23 January, 1714. Jurat corum. Io. Clerk.)

It appears that the offices of Master and Keeper of the Wardrobe, the Clerk and Under Keeper thereof are of ane very antient Constitution and established by the Government of Scotland long before our Kings went into England, and ever since, and the said Office of Master, and principall Keeper has been continued from father to son in the name and family of Auchmuty for upwards of a hundred years by Commissions from the Sovereign under the Privy Seall of Scotland, found in the possession of John Auchmuty, late master y^r. of deceased.

First by James VI. to John Auchmuty, one of the ordinary Grooms of the Bedchamber¹ appointing him "for very honourable causes" to be Master and Keeper of H.M. Wardrobe, Tapestry, hangings, household staff, etc. 1000 merks Salary, durant vita. 20 March, 1611.

Renewed by K. Charles I. for life, 4 March 1620.

To Sir John Auchmuty (the same) Elder of Gosford and to Sir Alex. A. his son and the longest livers, Newcastle, 4 July 1640.

"The said John Auchmuty lately deceased, son to the above Sir Alexander and designed in his commission of Scotland, made Master and Keeper with the ordinary salary of 1000 merks, by K. Charles II." at Whitehall, 27 August 1662.

"And since the Revolution obtain'd it renewed to himself dureing life, and the surviveancy to his Son for Life. But he Dying before himself so that the post is now vacant and att the Queen's Disposal."

King Charles I. wrote from Whitehall, 13 April 1626, that the "blacks and mournings and dull hangings," which had been used for mourning his Father King James VI. at Holyrood, should be given to John Auchmuty of Gosfoord, Master of our Wardrobe.

King Charles II. wrote to the Master of the Wardrobe from Perth, 13 Jany. 1651, to require him to repair to Burntisland and remove . . . "the stuff belonging to our Wardrobe which was transported from the Castle of Edinburgh thither, and that you make transport throw Ffyfe to Dundee, and provide there fitting rooms for the laying of it up untill you get further orders, whether to dispose of, or send it. Leaving always ane Suite of Stuff at Falkland for furnishing that place for our person."

Sir John Auchmuty and Sir Alexander his son, Masters of the Wardrobe, received two letters from General Monk to go to Dunottar and bring the "Stuff as he has there" to Edinburgh. This is dated 11 Dec^r. 1651. The second is dated at Edinburgh, 28 Nov. 1658, requiring him to "bring in to me all such Books, Writeings, Inventories and papers as are in any of your Custodys, Relating to or concerning the saids Goods." This is directed to "Sir Alex^r

¹ Alexander Auchmutie, Gentleman of the King's Bedchamber, married (after 1617) Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Archibald Napier of Merchiston, widow of James, Sixth Lord Ogilvy of Airlie.

Auchmuty, K^t., Late Master of the Wardrobe, Patrick Sandilands, and James Murray, Keepers thereof: Mr Laurence Oliphant, Tutor to Mr William Oliphant's children, and to Martin Loch, one of the Servants of the Wardrobe . . . or others whom these do or may concern."

King Charles II. from Whitehall . . . Nov^r. 1660: (Signed "Lauderdaill") directs Sir Alexander Auchmuty to "make search" for goods lost which are "by reason of the Late Troubles miscarried out of our houses and present possession."

It is evident that when any addition was made to the furniture belonging to the Wardrobe in Scotland or when any parts thereof were removed, the order for that Effect was always Directed to the Master of the said Wardrobe, and to mention no more. The last is as follows:—

It is

Edinburgh, 14 of . . . 1681.

Commanding the Master to provide for his Majesties use "One great Cushion to lye before his Royal Highness in the Parliament House, very large, having fringes around it. The edges yrof. of Crimson Silk mixed with Gold, having great Knopes at each corner conform. The fringe must be ane inch deep."

2^o "A cushion" ffor the Lord Chancellour—"good but not so good."

3. Another for "carrying the Crown at Rideing the Parliament."

4. "A Carpet for the Table q^r. the honours are to lye."¹

"Warrant

Ffor securing her Majestie's Wardrobe, and the effects thereof in the possession of the late Keeper John Auchmuty.

Edin^h. Treasury Chamber, 3rd of Decr. 1713.

"Whereas Mr. Lownds by Letter Dated the 14th of November last, did in obedience to the Commands of the Lord High Treasurer, signify to the Keeper of her Majesties Wardrobe att Edin^h., That it was her Majesties pleasure that he should forthwith transmitt to his Lop., ane exact inventory of all her Majesties goods and other things that were in her Majesties Palace of Holyroodhouse, or elsewhere and put under his Custody and Care att the time of his being appointed Keeper of the Said Wardrobe, and whether the same were now remaining in his custody, or if any of them were disposed of, or given away, and, if so, to whom and by what warrant, and therein to make a distinct List of all her Majesties Pictures att the time of his coming to the said office, and if any of them had been given away, or lent out, To whom, When and by what Warrant." This the R^t. Hon. Barons of Her Majestys Exchequer sent on 19 Nov., ask for all assistance.

They give a warrant (signed Tarder & Steuart, Remr. Regius., 12 Jany. 1714) from the Treasury saying that the Queen (14 Nov. 1713) desired an "exact inventory of Her Majestys goods and other things that were in her Majesties Palace of Holyroodhouse or elsewhere att the time he (the Keeper of her Majestie's Wardrobe) was appointed."

"Unto the Right Honb^{ls} the Lord Chief Baron and Barons of her Majesties Exchequer in Scotland, James Baird, Writer to the Signet and Clerk to the Wardrobe and Rob^t. Morison, Under Keeper thereof.

¹ There is also an account in the Book of the Regalia of Scotland, but as it is mainly the same as that in the Bannatyne Club Book (Papers relating to the Regalia of Scotland, pp. xc-xcii) it is not essential to print it here.

Humbly Sheweth.

That whereas Mr. Lownds Be Letter of the 14 of Nove^r. last, Did in Obedience to the Commands of the Lord High Treasurer, Signifie to the Keepers of her Majesties Wardrobe, att Edin^h., That it was her Majesties pleasure that he should furthwith transmitt to his Lo^p. ane exact Inventory of all her Majesties goods, and other things, that were in her Maj^{ties} Palace of Holyrood-house, or else where and put under his custody and care, att the time he was appointed Keeper of the said Wardrobe." But time passed, and though their Lordships did their best, the world was against them. John Auchmuty who was then Keeper of Her Majesties Wardrobe had, although the letter was addressed to him, the temerity to die "immediately thereafter without giving the aforesaid accounts." So a new inventory was made from his and the Queen's effects and a list was made out of the Royal Plenishing as it existed before 1715.

Palace of Holyrood house.

Imp^r. One suit of fine Brussels work hangings, consisting of *seven peece*,¹ wherein is described the history of Diana.

Depth 4 ells.
Circuit 27 ,,

2^{do} A Crimson Velvet state, outer panel, and back with a large velvet cloath of the same colour, all mounted with Gold and Silver fringes, the roof and inner panel, of Crimson Taffety mounted with silk fringes.

3^{do} Ane Armed Chair and ffoot-stool belonging to the same state, all very old.

The above State, etc., is Disposed of by Mr Auchmuty since our Scots Parliam^{nt}, But it does not yet appear to whom given, or who accepted of it.

4^{do} Three Crimson Velvet Cusheons, two large and one lesser, trimmed with Gold fringes, having slip covers of Green Baze, and belong all to the said State.

Its^r informed that some of her Majesties Cusheons, belonging to the said State, and Statesmen, have been unduly intermeddled with, But by whom it doth not yet appear.

5^{do} Ane other State of blew velvet flowered, the ground thereof of Gold, outer and inner panels, Roof and back all of the same, trimmed with gold, silver, and blew Silk fringes.

6^{do} A Chair of State and footstool, two Cusheons, the one large, and the other lesser, belonging to the said State and its mounted Conform.

7^{do} One dozen chairs grof. half a dozen are Armed belonging to the said State trimmed conform, they've all slip covers of purple Baze.

All these Chairs are wore out long since and never any put in their places.

8^{do} Two Carpets, old and much spoiled,
Length 5 ells.
Bredth 4 ,,

9^{do} One new Carpet, length two ells, Bredth one and $\frac{1}{2}$.

10^{do} One new Chamber box of Cedar Wood.

¹ The official list says six pieces (so one other must have been included). They are called French Tapestries woven in Paris representing the story of Diana, and are after designs of Toussaint Dubreuil. There exist :

(1) Actaeon turned into a Stag; (2) Latona on the Island of Delos; (3) Niobe dissuading the people from making offerings to Latona; (4) Diana in supplication before Jupiter; (5) Destruction of the sons and daughters of Niobe; (6) Diana and her nymphs. See later, p. 189.

11^{mo} Five pair of rich Gilt Candlesticks with Sockets, Snuffers and Snuff pans all new.

12^{mo} Two dozen of carpet chaers wt. an Armed Chair, having slip covers of Green, all new.

Treasury Room and Councill Chambers.

Impr. Eightpiece of Brussells Work, Landscap hangings.¹

Depth 3½ ells.

Circuit 31 ,,

2^{do} Ane other Suit of hangings, being the history of the Destruction of Troy, consisting of five piece.²

Depth 3½ ells.

Circuit 22 ,,

3^{to} A large Turkey Carpet.

Length 7½ ells.

Bredth 3½ ,,

4^{to} Another Ditto.

Length 4½ ells.

Bredth 4½ ,,

5th Another Ditto.

Length 4½ ells.

Bredth 2½ ,,

6th Another Ditto.

Length.

Bredth.

7th A fine Turkey Carpet.

Do. do.

8^{vo} Another Ditto.

Do. do.

9^{mo} Ane Chair of State with two Cusheons and one footstool of Crimson Velvet, mounted with Gold and Silver fringes, old and much spoiled.

10^{mo} The King's Arms Embroidered.

11^{mo} King Charles the 2^{ds} Picture att full length, wt. a Cusheon of Moyhair.

12^{mo} Four dozen Carpet Chairs, with an old Armed Chair.

13. Two dozen of Ditto new with ane armed Ditto.

14. Eight Sconces six prof. are plaister gilded, and two of Brass old.

These are thrown by as useless, but the two brass ones are in James Stevens' possession yet remaining.

15. Ffive pair Brazen Candlesticks gilded, with two Snuff-pans and two pair Snuffers.

16. Ffour Window Curtains of Red Shallown, and eight Ditto of White Shallown.

These unduly medled with by the Servants of the Exchequer, being spoil'd and torn with carrying. Books etc., at the fire in the Parliament Closs.

17. Two Pandalum Clocks, whereof one is new.

18. Ane Broad with the Ten Commandments.

19. A large Press for keeping of papers.

¹ Perhaps including the 4 Brussels Tapestries of late 17th Century date and were woven by F. Van den Borcht. It is suggested that these were designed by Teniers.

At Holyrood. (1) Asia; (2) A vegetable market scene; (3) A fish market scene; (4) Africa. There are other landscapes at Holyrood.

² History of Troy. (Now at Holyrood.)

(1) Aeneas carries Anchises from the flaming city; (2) The Greek Sinon contrives to be brought before King Priam as a captive.

A tapestry called "The Captive," part of a Triumphal Procession now at Holyrood, may have been one of those taken in the 1715 inventory as belonging to the Troy Set.

20. Ffive Table Cloaths of Stamped Leather. These wore out and (were) altered for other more fashionable Tables.

21. Three Chamber boxes.

22. Two Chamber pots.

23. Six Standishes for ink and pens, these Standishes were renewed in King Williams' Time.

Councill Chamber of Holyroodhouse.

Imp^r. A Chair of State, footstool and two Cusheons mounted with Gold fringes, having slip covers of Crimson Taffety, all new.

2^{do} A very large Carpet, Length 9 ells.

Bredth 6 ,,

3^{uo} Two small Ditto, Length 2 ells.

Bredth 1½ ,,

4^{to} Two dozen new carpet chairs wt. Slip covers of green Baze.

5^{to} One Dozen new plaister gilded Sconces, Long since cast by as useless.

6^{to} His present Majesties Picture att Length, with a curtain of Purple Damask, hanging before the Same.

7^{mo} King Charles the 2^{as} picture with a curtain of Ditto, hanging before the Same.

8^{vo} One Chamber of Cedarwood, and two Chamber Pots.

Session House.

1^{mo} One suit of Arras hangings, consisting of Eight piece, Depth 3½ ells.

Circuit 31 ,,

2^{do} One piece of Arras with the King's Arms, Depth 3½ ells.

Circuit 6 ,,

3^{uo} A Turkie Carpet, Length 4½ ells.

Bredth 4½ ,,

4^{to} Another Ditto, Length 4½ ells.

Bredth 4½ ,,

5^{to} One purple velvet cloath and cusheon, for the President, Old, the Chancellours, Treasurers, and Commissioners of the Treasury their maces belong to the King. These are the haill goods belonging to the King, and that were given up in the foregoing Inventory to the Treasurer on the said 29th of July 1685 by the Master of the Wardrobe, and the above remarks, clears what may such of them as are disposed of, and now awanting (att least most of them) come to be amissing, length of time wears and consumes such things, and there has not been much addition to the household stuff belonging to the Wardrobe, these many years, and there is loss as well as wearing in changeing, and transporting such publick furniture as the publick exigencies require, as their frequently happen'd, Holyroodhouse, the first of January, anno 1714.

Inventory of his Majesties goods, and furniture, at present under the care and inspection of the Clerk and Underkeeper of the Wardrobe.

Abbey of Holyrood-house.

1^{mo} A suit of fine Brussels hangings consisting of seven piece, being the history of Diana, 4 whereof are in the presence chamber, and the other three in the Anti chamber of the Abbey.

Depth 4 ells.

Circuit 27 ,,

2^{do} Five dozen Carpet chairs and one Armed Chair in the said presence chamber—where the Peers meet for Electing out of their number 16 to represent them in Britttish Parliament.

3^{to} Ane Crimson Velvet two Armed chair belonging to the State (which Mr Auchmuty disposed of) with a Crimson Velvet Tollet which is placed in the Church before the Commissioner to the Generall Assembly, and is lined with Red Callicoe.

Length $3\frac{3}{4}$ ells.
Bredth 2 ells.

4^{to} A large Cusheon belonging to the Tollet having three large Tazels.

5^{to} A Footstool of Ditto Velvet.

6^{to} A Blew velvet flowr'd State, the ground whereof is of Gold, outer and inner panels, Roof and Back all of the same trimmed with Gold, Silver, and blew fringes, Lined with blew Callicoe.

7^{mo} Ane Chair of State, footstool and two Cusheons, one large and the other less, belonging to the said State, and mounted conform.

8^{vo} Five piece of Arras hangings being the Destruction of Troy, three piece whereof is hung in the Queen's bedchamber, and the other two in the Dineing room.

Depth $3\frac{1}{2}$ ells.
Circuit 22 ,,

9^{mo} Eleven Tables that used to be joined together for the publick entertainment the first Parliament day.

10. One foot Carpet used to lye under the Commissioner's feet, when he Dines in publick (or in State) much spoiled and torn.

Length 4 ells.
Bredth $4\frac{1}{2}$,,

11. One Carpet which used to lye upon the Council Table.

Length $7\frac{1}{2}$ ells.
Bredth 3 ,,

12. One large Turkey Carpet which covers the steps of the Throne, when in the Parliament House.

Length 9 ells.
Bredth 6 ,,

13. One Ditto which covers my Lord Commissioner's Seat in the New Church.

Length $3\frac{1}{2}$ ells.
Bredth $2\frac{1}{4}$,,

14. Ane Black Velvet Tollet and Cusheon which lyes above the said Carpet. The Tollet is in

Length $3\frac{1}{4}$ ells.
Bredth $2\frac{1}{2}$,,

the Cusheon has four Tazels, and is in Length $1\frac{1}{8}$ ells.
Bredth $3\frac{1}{4}$,,

15. Ane Carpet which is Laid before the Lords of Session in the Laigh Seat of the New Church.

Length $4\frac{1}{2}$ ells.
Bredth $2\frac{1}{2}$,,

16. Another Ditto which is laid before their Lop^s. in the other Lesser Seat there.

Length 4 ells.
Bredth $2\frac{1}{2}$,,

17. One Purple Velvet Tollet and Cusheon that lyes above one of these Carpets with Crimson Silk fringes around the Tollet. The Cusheon has four Tazels and lyes before the President of the Session in the said Church.

18. Another large Carpet which now lyes upon the Exchequer room Table, and is that which is in use to be laid upon the Cross, in time of Proclamations, or other such like Solemnitys.

Length $5\frac{1}{2}$ ells.
Bredth $2\frac{1}{2}$,,

19. Eight piece of Brussells work Arras hangings, Landskip that formerly hung in the Councill Chamber wch is now appointed, and made up orderly for the Court of Exchequer, four pieces whereof still remain in the Exchequer room, and the other four hang in the Dineing Room of the Abbey, for preservation.

Depth $3\frac{1}{2}$ ells.

Circuit 31 ,,

Exchequer Rooms and other Offices.

1^m The Queen's Arms Richly embroidered on white satin all raised work upon fine green cloath in a square frame, with gilded draughts about the same, and is hung upon the wall above the Bench.

2^d The Ten Commandments set in such like a frame with a glass before them, hanging in the side of one of the windows in the said room.

3^u Two hangings of green Shalloon for the windows thereof. Each $2\frac{1}{2}$ ells long and both $5\frac{1}{2}$ ells broad.

4^o At the Entry of the said Exchequer Room, are two large Presses the one above the other for papers and Records.

5^o The large Dutch press standing upon the left hand entering the Trance to the Treasury room where many of the Registers and Warrants of Treasury were kept before the Union, and it opens with four leaves.

6^o Two Pendulum clocks, the one stands in the Treasury room as formerly, and the other in the Clock-Makers mending and ought to be in the Exchequer Room.

7^m A large Ovall Table covered with Russia leather in the Treasury room, with two drawers in each end.

8^v The Ten Commandments.

9^m The Royall Oak.

10. A List of the Nobility all sett in Black frames.

11. Two Tables of Cyphers for Accompting.

12. The Plan of ffort William in a Gilded Frame.

13^o A Brass Rotula for accompting.

14. Eight Standishes for ink and pens, three whereof stands on the Treasury table, and the other five, are in the possession of the Severall Offices in Exchequer. They were all furnish't in King Williams' time, with his name and Crown are of fine Peuther.

15^o Seven pair of Candlesticks that were in possession before the Union, finely double gilt with two pair Snuffers and Snuff-pans.

16. The Great Mace for Tipstaff that belongs to the Exchequer, stands in a Box made of purpose in the Treasury room, when its' not in use.

17^o A Bell hanging in the said room for calling the Servants as occasion offers.

18^o The Chancellours Great Mace is att present in his own possession.

Session House where the Lords sitts.

1^m Eight piece of Arras hangings, Deepness $3\frac{1}{2}$ ells.

Circuit 31 ,,

2^d Twenty eight Carpet Chairs whereof nine are laigh back'd the other 19 newer fashion'd. But old Carpets.

3^u The Chancellours Green velvet two armed Chair.

4^o One purple velvet cloath that goes along, and covers the whole Bench, with a purple silk fringe.

5^o Ane lesser one of Ditto velvet for the outer house Bench.

6^{to} One Pendulum Clock which goes a month.

These three last Articles were furnished by a fine from Sir Alex^r. Brand.

7^{mo} The Queens' Arms done in white Satin raised work upon fine blew cloath, set in a gilded frame standing upon the Chimney piece.

8^o The Ten Commandments in a frame with a glass before them.

9^o My Lord Advocate's Chair for the outer house of green cloath.

10^o Ffour Green hangings and two iron rods for the windows.

11^o A Bell for dissolving the house, calling the Macers & each day as occasion offers.

12^o The Six Clerks table covered with Russia leather, having four drawers.

13^o Ane Table for the ordinary and Clerks of the Bills, covered with the same.

In Mr Auchmuty's own possession at the time of his Decease.

1^{mo} Ane Chair of State very old.

2^{do} The Queens' Arms Embroidered upon white Satin with silver and gold raised work, which used to be placed in the Abbey chape also very old.

3^{tho} Three carpet Chairs in like case.

There are two brass Sconces in the Court of Exchequer; and are still remaining in Mr Stevens' custody.

Great Wardrobe and Gallerie.

1^{mo} A very large Table for laying furniture upon.

2^{do} There were two pictures of King Charles the 2^{ds} and two of the late K. James's mentioned in the first Inventory. One of K. Charles' and one of K. James's are put in frames in the Gallery among their Ancestors, and the other of K. Charles was given to the E. of Marr. By warrant under her present Majesties hand and dated at Kensington the 3rd of Aprile 1708, Countersigned by Sir David Nairn, and Directed to the Master of the Wardrobe. The other of K. James's was sent to Duke Hamilton to copie.

3^{tho} K. William and Q. Mary's which hung in the Councill Chamber were in like manner by order of her present Mat^{ie}. Dated att Kensington the 13th May the said year 1708, and Countersigned by the E. Marr. Directed to the Master of the Wardrobe, Gifted to the Duke of Queensberry and Accordingly delivered to him. As is evident by the said order and his Graces' receipt thereon.

4^{tho} Her present Majesties picture that hung in the said Councill Chamber, before the Union, was by like order Directed (By mistake) to James Steven, Usher; Gifted to the said principall order and receipt thereon by my L^d. Grange.

5^{tho} The hail other pictures of the Kings and Queens of Scotland, from Fergus 1^{mo} to K. W. and Q. M. and her present Majestie being in number 111 are placed in order in the Gallery of Holyrood-house.

If a more particular account of their names, lives, and deaths be required it can be seen in print.

Inventory of new Reparations made, and additions of furniture, about the Severall Offices in the Court of Exq^r. att the Q's expence since the commencement of the Union.

Court House.

1^{mo} The Whole Bench all raised up, the large Table below the same, and seats for the Clerks and other Servants round about it, all covered with Green Cloath. There are also Benchs for the Jury men and convenient places made for the parties, and Lawyers appearing in Court.

2^{do} Ffive armed Chairs, and five smal ones of Carpet. The first five is for the Barons.

3^{tho} Ane Lattern uppon a frame covered with green.

4^{tho} A Table with Drawers covered in the like manner.

5^{tho} One Press for the use of the Presenter of Signatures.

Auditor's Office.

1^{mo} Ffour large Desks whereof one opens with two leaves. All covered with Green Baise, with one ffolding Table covered in like manner.

2^{do} Two Russia Leather Chairs with their stools.

3^{tho} Two Double Presses, and one single for Books, Warrants and Records.

4^{tho} One folding Table with two leaves.

King's Remembrancers' Office.

1^{mo} A large Desk with a Drawer, and other necessarys' belonging therto in the Master's office or Closet.

2^{do} One large press opening with two leaves.

3^{tho} Two Russia Leather Chairs.

In the King and Subjects Attorney Office.

1^{mo} There is a new partition made that inclosed the same, and gives allowance to the subjects to walk without, and make orderly demands, as occasion offers.

2^{do} A large Desk opening with four leaves upon a frame for the use of the said Attorneys, with other two Desks in the same Room for the use of their Clerks all covered with green cloath, with a little one in the Window covered with Baize.

3^{tho} Ane large press for the Baron's Gowns, with a lesser ditto, above the same, about ten foot high, seven foot broad, and 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ foot deep.

4^{tho} Other three presses in the said room, but without the partition, all joined together consisting of six Divisions of the same height and Depth with the former and about ten foot in Bredth, all for paper and Records.

5^{tho} Two other little presses there, for other necessary uses about 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet high, 6 foot broad, and two foot deep.

6^{tho} Ffour Russia Leather Chairs.

7^{mo} Two Bigg Back'd and Rush bottomed ditto.

The Treasurers Remembrancers Office and the Closet thereof.

1^{mo} A large Desk with a Drawer and other smaller drawers conform.

2^{do} Another Desk for the use of his C^{sk}. Both covered with Green Cloath and having a folding table.

3^{tho} A large Press opening with two leaves for Warrants and Records.

4^{tho} Two conveniences of Dovecut holes above the two Desks, open for holding papers.

5^{tho} Three Carpet Chairs.

Solicitor's Office.

1^{mo} A Desk upon a frame.

2^{do} Two Russia Leather Chairs.

Clerks of the Pipe their Office.

1^{mo} A large Desk with two leaves upon a frame cover'd with green Baze.

2^{do} four Russia Leather Chairs.

3^{tho} A smal press with three leaves for Records.

Clerks' Office.

- 1^{mo} A large Desk with a Drawer, covered with Green Baize.
 2^{do} Ane Russia Leather chair.
 3^{tho} A press opening with one leaf.
 4^{to} Two other little presses belonging to the Presenter of Signatures.

The Register of Signatures' Office.

- 1^{mo} One Desk with a leaf.
 2^{do} Two Carpet Chairs.
 3^{tho} The large Press for holding the Registers.
 4^{to} There are seventeen flat Candlesticks, and Iron Snuffers Conform, for the use of the Clerks, all furnisht since the Union.

James Baird, Clerk to her Majesties' Wardrobe maketh oath, that the Two foregoing last Inventorys are just and true according to his knowledge and contain the hail goods, and furniture presently belonging to her Majestie, and are under his care as C^{lk} thereto, As is mentioned in the said two last Inventories, and knows not how any goods mentioned in the first Inventory given in Anno 1685 are wanting. But according to the remarks made by him thereupon which are to be enquired after, according to the Warrant and order Directed to him By the Chief Baron and Barons of Exchequer thereanent, Sic Subsc^a.

Ia Baird,
 23 January, 1714,
 Jurat corum. Jo. Clerk.

We have now come to an end of inventories and are left with only a few of James Steuart's notes on the end leaves of the little book. In 1745 there is but one entry, namely that, by Act of Parliament, George Van den Bempde, Marquis of Annandale, is enabled to use the surname and arms of Van den Bempde according to the will of "John Van den Bempde deceased." There is good and sufficient reason why there were no more entries by James Steuart that year. Prince Charlie entered Holyrood-house on the 17th September, and with intervals held a shadowy court, thought to be real enough at the time by his followers. James Steuart had no doubt to flee or keep quiet until the Prince led his army to England on the 31st of October. It seems that one of his subordinates, a Jacobite, joined the enemy¹ and he had relations of his own² on that side which would make it necessary for him to be cautious. He came

¹ Patrick Lindesay, hanged at Brompton 21st October, 1746. *The State Papers Dom.* give (88·16⁴) in the Carlisle Trials "Peter Lindsey said by Mr Webb [Solicitor for the Crown] to have been Wardrobe Keeper at Holyrood House when he went into the Rebellion." It is curious that no mention of his appointment is made in his letters [*v.* "Patrick Lindesay the Jacobite," by A. Francis Steuart, privately printed 1927]. He was a younger son of John Lindesay of Wormeston in Fifeshire and was forty-seven years of age at his death.

² It is interesting to think of his cousin James Steuart, the Jacobite writer in Edinburgh, 1718-1802, who married 1747, the sister of the Jacobite "martyr," Thomas Ruddiman Jun^r. taking a place at Holyrood in his absence as "a personal friend of Prince Charlie's."

back, however, and he had married.¹ He married *circa* 1744, Barbara, daughter and co-heiress of William Borthwick of Fallahill and his wife Barbara, daughter and sister of Colonels William Borthwick of Johnstonburn, both *de jure* Lords Borthwick. He continued to live at Holyroodhouse and amassed wealth in books, if not in money, for he owned a very pretty little library, also a "broad sword" a "mourning one" . . . and a "blunderbuch" and "cartrag bag," which may perhaps have been his salvage from the Dutch Brigade.

In the book there are the following final notes:—

"Edin. 26 May, 1746. Delyver'd to James Stevens, Porter in the Abbey—Item Carpet Chairs etc., Yse in good case, perfectly clean, which chairs belong to the Wardrobe.

Sanders Erskine, Carter in the Castle Wynd, has caried the Commissioner's Throne in, and from the Abbey to the new church isle and from.

Do. To the Wardrobe for 40 years past.

The carpet that laid upon the Cross att the proclamations Lyes upon the Exchequer Table.

The Carpet and Big Square Table that's used att the election of Peers, or Instalment of Knights of the Garter is in the Wardrobe as also the Large Carpet that covers the floor att those occasions. . . . Hunter Wright in Edⁿ. puts up the Commissioner's canopy etc."

"In Anno 1746, the room commonly called the great wardrobe was taken possession of, for the use of ye Prince of Hesse, and Earl of Albemarle for Depositing their Baggadgs, and the otheris Lumber where some of which still continues, and the key was Lodg'd with Duke Hamilton's agent and their substitutes . . . who still have it in possession.

May 10th. Anno 1748."

"May 27. 1748. In the Inner Wardrobe of flowered embroider'd Throne of State, a Chair of State belonging to D^o. a crimson velvet Chair of State, a footstool of D^o.

Another old crimson velvet Chair of State.

A crimson velvet Toilet and cushion. His Ma^{ties}. arms embroidered.

¹ His child, William Steuart, advocate (1748-1796), survived him. He was a Captain of Volunteers in the Napoleonic days. By his wife Jane Cornfute, he had three surviving children, (1) James Steuart, Lieut. H.E.L.C.S. (5th Reg. Native Infantry), died, aged thirty-two, at Poona in 1807; (2) William Steuart, Lieut. R.N., died Oct. 1807, of wounds received in a naval fight off Rio de la Plata, and (3) Anne Jane (1796-1881) married 1821, Arthur Mower of Woodseats, Kent, Physician to Sir John M'Neill's Mission to Persia. She was the owner of the book on which this article is founded. The writer has a slight link with her, the last of her line, as she presented his father, on his marriage, with that refreshing work, Paley's *Evidences of Christianity* and (he thinks) Drelincourt on *Death*.

Two Carpets.

The Carpet for the Proclamations over the Cross lyes alwise on the Exchequer Court Room table. 25 Carpet Chairs, 8 of which goes up to his Ma^{ties}. Loft in the new church for the Commissioner to ye General Assembly.

The two pieces of Arras being part of the history of ye destruction of Troy, which hang in the Dining Room was Anno 1748, taken down by Duke Hamilton's Housekeeper (one Ro^tson.) and transported to the Room opposite to the Gallery entry and there hung up for the use of Cap. H. Campbell, one of Gen^l. Bland's Aid D. Camps.

The same Ro^tson. disposed of several carpet chairs, a green form and other things which as prof we can get no account of.

July 5th, 1748."

"Sept^r. 9, 1748. I delyvered out of the Inner Wardrobe To . . . Pitcairn, Sadler in Edinburgh, one old carpet for the use of Captt. Campbell And D^o. Camp to Gen^l. Bland.

Ditto. Carpet Returned. May 9, 1749.

But Delyverd."

"May 9th. 1749. D^{tr}. Capt. Campbell June 6th thereafter who now has it.

Sent up for the Commissioner's use
8 carpet chairs.

Canopy and Chair of State of Ditto.

The crimson velvet Toilet cushion, chair of state w^t. the foot stool of ditto velvet, and the carpet for the steps of the throne. Being the whole in use to be sent for the Assembly's use."

There are these two notes about his Office.

"Mr Hamilton dyed May 7th 1749."

"Edⁿ. Evening Courant,
June 27. 1749.

By a private Letter from London,

Mr Campbell of Ballemore (of the Kaimes) is made Keeper of the Wardrobe of Holyroodhouse."

James Steuart at length, however, became (the chief) Keeper of the King's Wardrobe,¹ but did not long survive his elevation. He died as we have seen within a year and a month later.

¹ The present Kings Remembrancer kindly informs me that the Office was in 1774 given to Richard Carter, but since May 1843 has not been refilled.